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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICATION OF )  
JOACHIM RUDOLPH ET AL ) GROUP NO.: 1626  
SERIAL NUMBER: 10/029,642 ) EXAMINER: LAURA STOCKTON  
FILED: DECEMBER 18, 2001 )  
TITLE: CONDENSATION REAGENTS )  
AND A PROCESS FOR THEIR )  
PREPARATION )

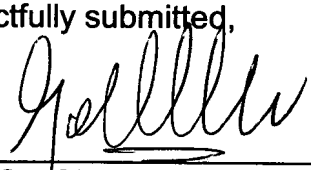
**RESPONSE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
Sir:

In response to the Office Action subjecting the claims to a restriction requirement under 35 USC 121, Applicants hereby elect Group I (Claims 1-5, 8, 9 and 11) wherein the compound of Example 1, at page 17, having the structural formula specified therein is designated as the species. A separate Petition for Extension of Time is being submitted simultaneously herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

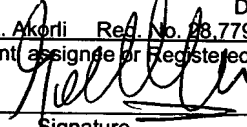
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